



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
HOUSING COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

Raised House Bill 5374 "An Act Concerning Promoting and Sustaining Affordable Housing in Connecticut"

HB 5374 would require regional and local plans of conservation and development to include plans to promote and sustain affordable housing.

CCM appreciates the thought behind this proposal; however, regional and local plans of conservation and development already must address the promotion and sustainability of affordable housing. According to, CGS § 8-35a, Section 1(a), housing is currently listed as one of the areas of focus within each plan... "*each regional planning agency shall make a plan of conservation and development for its area of operation, showing its recommendations for the general use of the area including land use, housing....*" Furthermore in the same section it lists "growth management principles," one of them calling for the promotion of the, "*expansion of housing opportunities and design choices to accommodate a variety of household types and needs*"

CCM does not understand the rationale behind this proposal, particularly when such a requirement currently exists in statute.

We urge the committee to obtain a fiscal note on HB 5374.

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